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Offender law gets slow start

Local residents convicted in the past of criminal sex offenses have been slow to comply with a new state notification law.

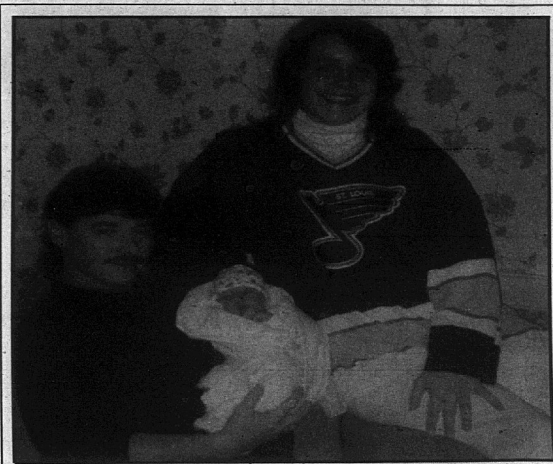
An estimated 30,000 convicted sex offenders statewide are required to register with local police by the end of this month.

As of Friday, only one person in Granite City had complied with the registration requirement, and none had done so in Madison or Venice. Figures were unavailable in Pontoon Beach.

The new law that took effect Monday expanded a previous law to require sex offenders who committed crimes within the past 10 years to register with their local police departments. The requirement was previously only for those who committed sex offenses against children.

The change expanded the number required to register from about 1,700 to 30,000, Illinois State Police Director Terrance Gainer said Wednesday.

Gainer said Illinois Department of Corrections data indicates 248 convicted sex offenders have been released and are now living in (See LAW, Page 2A)



(Staff photo by BOB SLATE)

New Year's baby — Kaitlyn Marie Schmerbauch was born at 12:34 a.m. Jan. 2 — the first baby born at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City this year. Holding Kaitlyn, who weighed in at 6 pounds 10 ounces and was 19 inches long, is her proud father, Todd Schmerbauch of Collinsville. At right is Mary Pinkerton of Granite City, Kaitlyn's mother.

City won't pay engineers' bill

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

The city of Granite City is withholding payment of its most recent bill from an engineering firm handling the cleanup of gasoline contamination at its main fire station.

On Tuesday, the City Council voted unanimously to pay the city's bills — less a bill for \$1,688 from the engineering firm of Schrieber, Grana & Yonley.

Alderman Craig Tarpoff, chairman of the City Council's Planning, Zoning and Engineering Committee, requested that the city withhold the payment.

SCY's most recent quarterly report to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency indicates a gauge was not working at the time of testing.

During that round of testing at the fire station — when the gauge was malfunctioning — levels of benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and xylenes in three of six monitoring wells were reported to be well above those determined by EPA to be safe. And almost a foot and a half of free-product gasoline was found floating on top of the groundwater in one monitoring well.

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"We are paying them to perform tests. If they can't do them because their equipment isn't working, why should we pay them?"

— Craig Tarpoff
Alderman

should we pay them?" Tarpoff asked. He asked Joe Juneau, the city's contractual engineer, to review SCY's most recent bill to see what services it covered.

"We are in drastic need of vital, accurate information. If they aren't going to provide that, then we're not going to pay them," Tarpoff said.

He said accuracy is needed for the city to determine its next move in the cleanup.

The city removed four gasoline storage tanks from the property in 1992. Cleanup of contaminated soil appeared to be 90 percent complete in 1993, but gasoline levels inexplicably began to increase rather than decrease as the cleanup continued and contamination now appears to be (See BILL, Page 8A)

Pontoon fireworks continue, but payroll is met

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

In some places, the new year is celebrated by a fireworks display.

In Pontoon Beach, village officials waited until a special emergency meeting three days into the new year.

At a meeting Wednesday — called to discuss finances — officials traded barbs and snide remarks, but approved a transfer of funds to ensure that village workers would be paid.

However, Mayor Glen Wilson said Thursday morning that a direct deposit received by the bank at the close of business Wednesday made the transfer unnecessary.

The board approved transferring \$30,000 as a loan from the tourism fund to the general fund to cover Friday's payroll.

The board voted 3-3, with Wilson breaking the tie. Voting in favor of the transfer were Trustees Bob Abel, Bob Vincent and Randy Presswood.

Voting against the transfer were Trustees Mike Macek, Gus Falter and Irene Karlechik.

That vote came after the mayor said he would veto a vote to permit Falter, who chairs the board's Finance Committee, access to bank information. The motion would have also authorized the transfer of the funds if money was not available to cover the payroll.

As in most board arguments, participants usually came down along party lines, with Wilson, Abel,

Vincent and Treasurer Lou Whitsell on one side and Macek, Presswood, Falter and Karlechik on the other.

Most of the arguments were between Macek, Vincent and Wilson.

High points included: "Both sides accused the other of playing politics with village finances."

"Both sides criticized comments others made in the *Granite City Press-Record*."

Macek said he would not vote for a transfer because he didn't think it was necessary.

Wilson criticized recent salary increases and back-pay — specifically the \$800 per month for economic development director Mike Sasyk.

"Macek said Wilson was a 'liar' and 'couldn't be trusted' after Wilson said he had never met with Sasyk."

"Whitsell said that five months' worth of checks for federal withholding were all deposited on the same day, and blamed interest and penalties from the Internal Revenue (See PAYROLL, Page 8A)

Hearings on siting appeal begin Monday

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

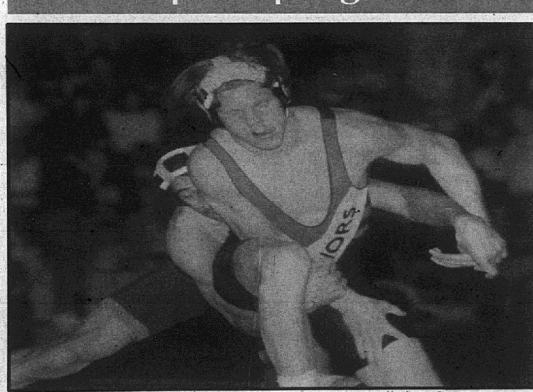
Hearings on an appeal of the siting of Metro East LLC's 60-megawatt power plant in Madison are scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the Illinois Department of Transportation's regional office in Collinsville.

Michael Wallace, chief hearing officer for the Illinois Pollution Control Board, will oversee the hearing. Key players will be John Papa, attorney for the developers; Madison City Attorney Casper Nighohossian; and opponent Kathy Andria of Stop Polluting Illinois.

Attorneys for the developer and city of Madison were preparing for the hearing last week, and said they were confident the siting to be upheld.

Papa said he could not predict what the board would do, but added that evidence submitted in support of the plant siting was (See HEARINGS, Page 8A)

Sports spotlight



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

On the mat — John Vennie tussles with fellow 160-pounder C.J. Fernandes during the Granite City Holiday Wrestling Tournament. For news on the Warrior senior, see Sports on page 1B.

Van poolers can earn bonus

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

New riders and those who refer them to the Madison County Transit District's RideFinders van pool program can soon (See BONUS, Page 8A)

Teen-age driving law seeing use

SPRINGFIELD — One year after the teen driving "zero-tolerance" law went into effect, the licenses of 2,360 minors have been suspended for three months, according to Secretary of State George Ryan's office.

That statewide total includes those charged with having even as little as a trace of alcohol in their blood.

Ryan spokesman Dave Urbanek said only Calhoun and Pulaski counties have had no suspensions under the law.

"We don't seem to be having any trouble with it (underage drinking and driving)," Calhoun County Sheriff Richard Meyer said Wednesday.

"We're out there every single night watching for problems. I hope we don't have any problems, but if we do, we'll enforce the law," he added.

Longtime Calhoun County State's Attorney Charles Burch, however, has frequently criticized a permissive attitude among adults (See TEEN, Page 2A)

Madison County reported 33 zero-tolerance charges.

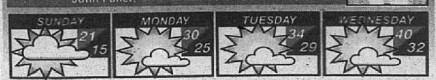
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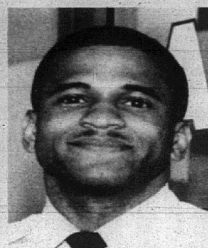
By SHIRLEY VALENCIA



Rhonda Wilkinson Granite City
"I like the snow and so do my children. I don't enjoy driving to work in it, but it's great to play in with the kids."



Jason Scaturro Granite City
"I am glad to see some snow. It's good to be home. I'm still in basic training and cannot wait to finish, so I can be home with my new wife and my daughter."



Sgt. Garfield E. Duckett Granite City
"I enjoy the weather, regardless of the season. We can never really be prepared for this but try to do our best."



Keith Goff Granite City
"Yes, I like the snow, and I was prepared for it; I drive a 4-by-4."



Jaime Wiwczarowski Granite City
"I don't like it. I'm getting tired of the cold. I'm ready for summer. I was definitely not ready for all this."

•Law

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Madison County Police Chief Dave Ruebhausen said Thursday that only one person had registered in Granite City.

"We're keeping a file on it," Ruebhausen said.

Madison Police Chief Steve Skoklo and Venice Det. Sgt. Theo Adams each said that no one in either of those cities had come forward to register as of Friday.

"I'm sure we have a few, but I think they will be slow coming in to register," Skoklo said. "It's not something you would brag about."

All three of the chiefs said they do not know how many offenders to expect to register because they have no idea how many reside in their respective jurisdictions.

Gainer's office will try to notify all of those covered by the law and is seeking the help of the public in locating an estimated 15,000 sex offenders not currently under court supervision.

"While it is the responsibility of the offender to go to the local police station or sheriff's department to register, we anticipate that a number of them won't," Gainer said.

He asked that those who are aware of someone convicted of a sex crime tip off local police or State Police so they can make sure the individual gets registered.

Failure to register by the end of January is a Class A misdemeanor punishable by up to a year in jail and could also lead to revocation of parole.

Offenders must also report annually to their local law enforcement agency, either a police or sheriff's department, for the full 10-year period. Failure to register for a second time is a felony punishable by up to five years in prison.

Information on registered sex offenders will be entered into the State Police Law Enforcement Agencies Data System (LEADS) and, starting Jan. 15, will be available to local police to check records.

Even an officer making a traffic stop and checking vehicle registration will receive a message if the

vehicle owner is a convicted sex offender, Gainer said.

"This is police looking after those we think are among the worst predators in society, and this is a big brother approach," Gainer said.

The information on all sex offenders required to register will be available only to law enforcement officials.

However, under a law taking effect June 1, the information on those convicted of sex offenses against children will be available to the public.

Gainer said simply requiring registration probably would not prevent crimes but could help police solve them sooner.

While those with convictions from nine or 10 years ago will be the hardest to locate, studies indicate that if a sex offender is going to repeat, it is likely to happen within the first three to five years, he said.

— From the Alton Telegraph with some information by staff writer Bob Slate

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•Teen

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in the county toward underage drinking.

Burch and an Illinois State Police officer talked to students in Calhoun schools this spring about the new law.

At the other end of the spectrum in the area is Macoupin County, where the law has been used in 32 cases.

Madison County, despite having five times the population of Macoupin County, reported 33 zero-tolerance charges.

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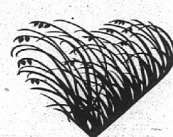
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tunnels in the back yard of Worthen's grandmother's home on Sandy Shore Lane in Granite City. After digging the paths, they colored them with food coloring to make them stand out.

Meals, jobless programs not affected — yet

follow Senate Majority Leader



December had surrendered \$3,750 in pay, he said.
— From the Alton Telegraph

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Holmes was indicted on 15 counts: six counts of theft over \$300 and nine counts of unlaw-

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New laws hike some penalties

Vandalizing cemeteries is among offenses targeted

SPRINGFIELD — Tougher criminal penalties for offenses ranging from vandalizing cemeteries to aggravated battery against a child are included in new state laws that kicked in Jan. 1.

Other new criminal laws extend the statute of limitations for prosecuting various crimes and impose criminal penalties for "hazing" on college campuses.

The law aimed at protecting cemeteries was sponsored by Sen. Evelyn Bowles, D-Edwardsville, and prompted by desecration of graves at cemeteries in Glen Carbon and Collinsville.

It increases penalties from misdemeanors to felonies for criminal trespass and entry to a cemetery, criminal damage to cemetery property, graves and headstones, digging up graves and destruction or desecration of human remains.

Another new law makes felony aggravated battery of a child punishable by up to 30 years in prison and eliminates judges' discretion to grant probation in such cases. The law also authorizes state's attorneys to seek orders of protection against a defendant charged with aggravated battery of a child.

There is a new law allowing judges to order confiscation of firearms of individuals they issue an order of protection against if the court believes there is a danger to the protected person.

The period for initiating prosecution of attempted first-degree murder is extended to seven years instead of three under another new law.

Also beginning today, the statute of limitations for criminal sexual assault is extended from three to five years if the crime is reported to police within six months.

The Sex Offender Registration Act will be expanded to cover all other offenses involving sex offenses against children.

It increases penalties from misdemeanors to felonies for criminal trespass and entry to a cemetery, criminal damage to cemetery property, graves and headstones, digging up graves and destruction or desecration of human remains.

Offenders must register with their local police departments each year for 10 years. A law not taking effect until July 1 will make the information available to the public.

There are also new penalties for "hazing" — usually initiation rites by college fraternities or sororities not sanctioned by the institution that "result in bodily harm to any person." At a minimum, hazing is a misdemeanor carrying up to a year in jail but jumps to a felony punishable by up to three years in jail in cases of bodily harm or death.

Laws affecting administration of law enforcement kick in with the new year. One permits counties, either individually or through multicounty agreements, to operate their own "boot camps" for criminals similar to the military-style state operations.

— From the Alton Telegraph

School menus

Granite City Public Schools

Monday — Breakfast: French toast sticks, sliced peaches; lunch: Pizza, oven fries, cup of cherries.

Tuesday — Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, sausage patty, biscuit, jelly, cup of raisins; lunch: Chili with crackers, peanut butter sandwich, carrot sticks, fresh apple wedge.

Wednesday — Breakfast: Cooked oats, toast, fresh banana; lunch: Spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad with light dressing, cheese bread, cup of fruit.

Thursday — Breakfast: Cinnamon toast, apple sauce; lunch: Roast beef, whipped potatoes, green beans, peach cobbler, bread.

Friday — Breakfast: Sausage and gravy, biscuit, mixed fruit cup; lunch: Baked fish on bun, macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables, sliced apples with cinnamon.

Madison Public Schools

Monday — Breakfast: Cereal, juice; lunch: Ravioli with meat sauce, cheese slices, carrots, apple sauce.

Tuesday — Breakfast: Cereal, juice; lunch: Taco with cheese, lettuce and tomatoes; corn, pineapple.

Wednesday — Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, juice; lunch: Chicken salad with turkey, ham and cheese; dinner roll; fruit gelatin; cookies.

Thursday — Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, toast, orange juice; lunch: Pizza burger on bun, fries, mixed fruit.

Friday — Breakfast: Cereal, juice; lunch: Fish sandwich, spaghetti, slaw, peaches.

Venice Public Schools

Monday — Breakfast: Grits, bacon, biscuit, jelly; lunch: Polish sausage, whipped potatoes, sauerkraut, cookies.

Tuesday — Breakfast: Blueberry muffins; lunch: Cheeseburger on bun, fries, peas and carrots, mixed fruit.

Wednesday — Breakfast: French toast sticks, slice of ham; lunch: Barbecued ham sandwich, spinach, macaroni salad, Jell-O with fruit.

Thursday — Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, fruit, juice; lunch: Fried chicken, green beans, candied yams, sliced bread.

Friday — Breakfast: Hash browns, bacon, toast; lunch: Beef and noodles, garden salad, buttered bread, apple sauce.

Holy Family

Monday — Hot dog on bun, sliced cheese, French-fried potatoes, baked beans, cherry crisp.

Tuesday — Taco with meat, cheese and lettuce; salsa; peanut butter sandwich; refried beans; apricots.

Wednesday — Spaghetti with meat sauce, cheese chunks, lettuce salad, bread, apple sauce.

Thursday — Meat and gravy over potatoes or rice, green beans, buttered bread, blueberries.

Friday — Fish sandwich, macaroni and cheese, slaw, pickles, Jell-O with fruit.

St. Elizabeth

Monday — Baked ham, macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables, pineapple.

Tuesday — Beef and bean burrito, nacho chips, corn, cinnamon pears.

Wednesday — Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, carrots, peaches, cake.

Thursday — Chicken noodle soup with crackers, toasted cheese sandwich, fruit cup.

Friday — Barbecued bratwurst on bun, pork and beans, potato salad, fruit with cookie.

Milestones

Kimmy Smith celebrated her eighth birthday Jan. 6.

Michelle Lynn Staggs celebrates her 12th birthday today, Jan. 7.

Amanda Leigh Burch celebrates her 15th birthday today, Jan. 7.

Terry M. Bellman celebrates his 42nd birthday today, Jan. 7.

Maria Dietiker celebrates her 39th birthday today, Jan. 7.

Ben Slover will celebrate his 21st birthday Jan. 8.

Tarrick Lawrence will celebrate his 14th birthday Jan. 8.

John "Johnny Reed" Wasson will celebrate his 42nd birthday Jan. 9.

Curtis Bosworth will celebrate his 42nd birthday Jan. 10.

Linda Pfister will celebrate her birthday Jan. 10.

John and Tina Claridge will celebrate their fourth wedding anniversary Jan. 10.

Amy Michelle Springs will celebrate her 21st birthday Jan. 10.

Lynda Rose Leggett will celebrate her 60th birthday Jan. 11.

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Eugene Kramer will celebrate his birthday Jan. 11.

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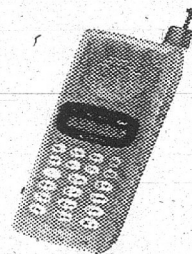
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Let's start with the Christmas poinsettias. If fertilized weekly with water soluble fertilizer and given six hours of bright, indirect light daily, they'll continue growing. Feed and water them until their leaves drop.

Don't panic if you see them shedding a few leaves. This is normal, and it indicates the plant is entering dormancy. When this occurs, place the poinsettias in an area with temperatures around 50°F or so, if possible. Water them occasionally. They will remain dormant until spring, and then start growing again.

There's still not enough natural light available for some houseplants, so you'll have to provide more. Believe it or not, the days are getting longer now, and they have been since just before Christmas. But they're still nowhere near long enough for the plants. You can tell when a plant is falling victim to low light. It'll be marked by spindly growth and dropped leaves, and newly-formed leaves will be farther apart on the stems than previous leaves. There may be yellowing and spotting as well. Hook the light up to an automatic timer so you can accurately regulate the time. Fluorescent lighting is generally better for indoor plants.

Over- or under-watering can adversely affect plants' health. Instead of watering at set intervals, water only when the top soil layer is dry or when the pot feels lighter than normal. These are generalizations, though. Some plants require damp soil while others thrive in slightly arid earth. Experience will show you each plant's requirements. Or you can stop by a Frank's store and ask one of our experts.

If you still have a fresh-cut tree in the house, it isn't a good idea to keep it around any longer. With each passing day the tree gets drier. Besides, the branches can be used for a mulch. Read on.

Take a stroll around your yard, as long as the

temperature and wind chill are cooperating. Check to make sure any mulch you placed over plants last fall is still in place. If it isn't, add more. Christmas tree branches make a nice, light, airy mulch.

If you have a compost pile, turn it now and then, moving outer material to the center where it will decompose. If the pile freezes, cover it with black plastic mulch. Solar heat and decomposition's warmth will thaw the pile until it's workable.

While you're outside, note places where some extra green may be desirable. Make a plan of your landscape and mark these locations down. If there's snow on the ground, you may be able to use it to your advantage. It's easy to see where the wind sweeps away snow, exposing bare earth or grass. Since some evergreens may have difficulty getting established in windy conditions, you'll know which areas need to be screened from it.

Get down on paper any ideas you may have for your spring flower garden and any other ways to enhance the landscape's beauty. January's unfriendly temperatures provide the ideal setting to curl up inside with a good book, and there are plenty of 'em available on gardening. You should be able to come up with some great ideas.

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• Bonus

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earn a big bonus. The program will offer rebates for those people in a new program modeled after one in California. Program Manager Jane Smith said RideFinders is offering a \$100 rebate for new van poolers, and a \$50 rebate for those referring new riders to the program. To claim the rebates, riders must stay in the program for four months, fill out a small form and provide proof of ridership.

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Obituaries

Vella Luebbers

Vella M. (Guthrie) Luebbers, 75, of O'Fallon died Wednesday, Jan. 3, 1996, at her residence. She was born April 28, 1920, in Pleasant Hill, Ill.

Mrs. Luebbers was a homemaker. Survivors include one son, Michael Luebbers of O'Fallon; four daughters, Mary Ann of Fairview Heights, Juanita "Deeda" McDaniel of Pontoon Beach, Mary Ann David of Belleville and Theresa Colston of O'Fallon; 12 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Adrian A. Luebbers; her parents, Thomas and Doda (Freeman) Guthrie; two brothers, Wayne and Almy Guthrie; and three sisters, Norie Benjamin, Louise Rankin and Mable Guthrie.

Private family services were Saturday at Kessler Mortuary Ltd. in Fairview Heights with the Rev. Hal Santos officiating. Burial was in Valhalla Gardens of Memory in Belleville.

Helen Roessner

Helen L. (Benardine) Roessner, 89, of Granite City, formerly of Mitchell, died at 7 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 4, 1996, at St. Joseph Health Center in St. Charles, Mo. She was born Oct. 13, 1906, in Troy and had been a resident of Granite City for 40 years.

A stock person with Famous Barr for two years, she was a Sunday school teacher for many years and served as a Madison County election judge.

Mrs. Roessner was a member of Hope Lutheran Church in Granite City, where she was part of the Women's Missionary League and the Quilters' Club and served as past president of the Altar Guild. She was church officer; the Home Extension Association in Granite City; and Chouteau Township Senior Citizens.

Survivors include one sister, Leona Dzuris of Franklin, N.C.; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Roessner, whom she married in 1925, and who died in 1971; one daughter, Shirley Hellmann; her parents, Lawrence and Elizabeth (Healey) Benardine; and one brother, Walter Benardine.

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Memorials are requested for Hope Lutheran Church or the American Diabetes Association, 9440 Manchester Road, St. Louis, Mo., 63118.

Walmer Brummer

Walmer A. Brummer, 90, of Alhambra, formerly of Granite City, died at 8:10 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, 1995, at Hampton Nursing Care in Alhambra, where he had been a resident for one year. He was born Feb. 7, 1905, in Venice and had been a long resident of the Granite City area.

An organ builder and owner and operator of the Midwest Organ Company in Granite City for 70 years prior to his retirement in 1989, he was a member of St. Peter Evangelical United Church of Christ in Granite City.

Mr. Brummer is survived by one niece, Diane Unterbrink of Palmdale, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Louise (Maseman) Brummer; one sister, Marie Fulp; and one nephew, Omer "Barney" Fulp.

Services were Friday at St. Peter Evangelical United Church of Christ in Granite City with the Rev. Rose Hermonat officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon. Arrangements were handled by Davis Funeral Home in Granite City.

Memorials are requested for St. Peter Evangelical United Church of Christ.

Elizabeth Mertz

Elizabeth Emma (Kozar) Mertz, 85, of Granite City died at 6:25 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, 1995, in the emergency room at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. She was born Nov. 14, 1910, in Granite City, where she had been a lifelong resident.

A homemaker, she was an associate member of St. John Lutheran Church in Maryville and a member of the Granite City Moose Lodge, American Association of Retired Persons and the Navy Mothers' Club, where she had formerly served

as commander.

Survivors include one daughter, Joyleen Pascoe of Granite City; two brothers, Steve Kozar of Edwardsville and Frank Kozar of Granite City; four grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George H. Mertz, whom she married May 21, 1933, and who died in April 1975; one son, William G. Mertz; her parents, John and Elizabeth (Dudas) Kozar; one brother, and three sisters.

Services were Dec. 30 at Irwin Chapel in Granite City with the Rev. Jeff Callahan officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

E. Wahrenburg

Esther G. (Lueker) Wahrenburg, 88, of Granite City died at 6:35 p.m. Monday, Jan. 1, 1996, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, where she had been a patient for two weeks. She was born Nov. 27, 1907, in Lincolnville, Kan., and had been a resident of Granite City for 54 years.

A nurse supervisor with Lutheran Hospital, she was a member of Hope Lutheran Church in Granite City.

Survivors include her husband, Henry Wahrenburg, whom she married Feb. 8, 1942, in Lincolnville; one daughter, Edna E. Prater of Pontiac, Ill.; two sisters, Frieda Brockmeier of Herrington, Kan., and Gertrude Gill of Glenview, Pa.; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Charles Wahrenburg; her parents, Martin and Martha (Webber) Lueker; two brothers; and one sister.

No visitation is scheduled. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. today, Sunday, Jan. 7, at Hope Lutheran Church, 3715 Wabash Ave. in Granite City, with the Rev. David Fielding officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

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Best resolutions usually the most realistic ones

The new year usually brings good-intentioned resolutions that are short-lived for most people.

Topping many lists are tangible goals like losing weight, graduating from school or making more money. Others want to improve their character or behavior, such as being kinder or cutting back on drinking or smoking.

Despite good intentions, it's a waste of time for many people because they either set their goals too high or they don't chart a plan of action to accomplish these goals, Godfrey psychotherapist Pat Earnshaw said.

People in general probably look at New Year's resolutions as a magical new beginning, an opportunity to improve themselves and to do things differently," Earnshaw said. "They are grasping this magical moment when the Allied Chemical ball falls (in New York's Times Square), when the changes could have easily occurred at Thanksgiving or the 10th of September. It's a mind set."

Making resolutions usually is more fun than actually carrying them out, Earnshaw said. "It's an Adrenalin rush," the psychotherapist said. "The goals are not usually that reasonable or attainable. When making New Year's resolutions, people should take a full year (to work on them) so they need not be disappointed."

It is better for people to have a goal of exercising three times a week to lose 5 pounds a month instead of flatly saying they will lose 50 pounds this year with no specifics on how to

do it, Earnshaw said.

Intangible goals, such as being happy or appreciating more simple things in life, should be qualified as to how they will be attained, such as vowing to visit a friend several times a week or spending a certain amount of time on an enjoyable activity, Earnshaw said.

Most people do not take resolutions seriously, but for those who do, failure can damage their self-image. Conversely, when small goals are accomplished, it can lead to a building of self-esteem and attainment of higher goals.

The new year can be used to build character and boost spiritual qualities, instead of quitting smoking and vowing to fix up the house.

Resolutions of losing weight and making more money are "unrealistic" and not vital even if the goal is reached, said the Rev. George H. Humbert Jr. of College Avenue Presbyterian Church in Alton.

"Neither one is going to make us happy. What matters is what comes from within. It has to," Humbert said.

If people improve their character or shortcomings, perhaps they can be motivated to accomplish other incidental goals, he said. Change is possible, although it takes work, he added.

"We always can change at any time we consciously want to make a change. As long as we make it a definite act of will, there's always hope. What better time than in the new year?" Humbert said.

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National moniker may reappear — but not here

The National moniker may be returning to 23 stores now operating under the Schnuck Markets banner. Schnuck Markets has agreed to sell the stores — including former National stores in Collinsville, Cahokia and Fairview Heights — to Family Co. of America, a St. Louis-based group of former National Supermarket executives and private investors, said Craig D. Schnuck, chairman and chief executive officer of the company.

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The deal calls for the stores to serve customers under the name National Markets, officials said. "Schnucks will license the National name to Family Co. of America," Schnuck spokesman Marie A. Casey said. The deal apparently will have no effect on the situation in Granite City, where Schnucks bought the old National store and moved its store into that building. The old Schnucks store has been vacant since the move last year. James R. Gibson, 51, of Belleville, is the majority owner in the new Family Co. of America (FCA) of St. Louis. Gibson, who also will serve as chairman and chief executive officer of FCA, is a local businessman with ties to financial service companies, said Diane Brown, director of media relations at The Gelsz Agency.

"He was one of the original investors of Allegiant Bancorp and has real estate investments and financial service ties," she said. The company is waiting on approval of the sale by the Federal Trade Commission before it announces any plans for opening the new stores. That could take 90 days. "The company was in discussion with Schnucks for months," Brown said, and there are "still a lot of details to be worked out." The Federal Trade Commission required Schnucks to sell the stores to satisfy antitrust concerns after the company bought out National Supermarkets, its biggest competitor in the St. Louis area. Terms of the sale were not disclosed and the agreement must be approved by the FTC and reviewed by the Illinois and

Missouri attorneys general.

Schnucks made a deal last June to buy 57 St. Louis area National stores, including those in Granite City, Fairview Heights, Edwardsville and Cahokia.

In all, Schnucks will sell 17 former National stores and six Schnucks supermarkets, including a Schnucks in Wood River. The deal should result in continuing employment for about 500 former National employees who accepted full-time and part-time jobs in the stores to be sold, Schnuck said.

Schnucks kept its promise to find a buyer who would hire most of the former National employees working at the divested stores and to recognize the unions representing the workers, Schnuck said.

"We took great care, as promised, in doing everything we could to ensure that former National workers obtain AFL-CIO union jobs with wages and benefits comparable to those they enjoyed with National," he said.

Besides the Illinois' Schnucks, other stores in the deal are four in St. Louis, 11 in St. Louis County and others in St. Charles County and Jefferson County, Schnuck said.

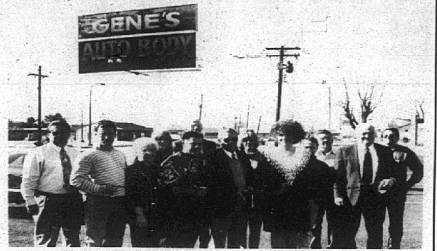
The president of Family Co. of America is Ronald M. Jozerski, a 30-year retail grocer who was responsible for marketing and sales planning for 93 National Supermarkets. The new National Markets will be competitively priced, full-service stores, he said.

(From the Alton Telegraph with information from staff writers Bonita Tillman and Nicole Vaughn.)

Receives award from U.S. agency

Patricia J. Culbert of Granite City recently received a Special Art Award from the Defense Mapping Agency. A Special Art Award is given to DMA employees whose special actions have contributed significantly to agency operations. The Defense Mapping Agency provides worldwide mapping, charting and geodesy support for the Department of Defense.

Opening — Present for the grand opening of Gene's Auto Body in Pontoon Beach were, front row from left, Police Chief Mike Crouch, village trustees Randy Presswood and Irene Karlechik, owner Gene Payne, Mayor Glen Wilson, owner Carol Payne and Tri-Cities chamber executive vice-president R.C. Bush; and, back row, village deputy clerk Judy Merritt, trustee Gus Falter, clerk Mary Rowden, employees Robert Huston and Mark Molski and building inspector Jim Hill.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRES)

Glasgow joins Royce Realty

Kristi Rebstock Glasgow has joined Century 21 Royce Realty Inc. as a professional residential marketing consultant and broker, owner John Royce has announced.

Glasgow is a licensed real estate agent. She is a graduate of the Pat Curriess Academy of Real Estate. After joining Century 21 Royce Realty, Glasgow completed the week-long 21Plus training course.

"The 21Plus training program exemplifies the way we now approach the listing and selling of real estate," said Royce. "The program's objective is to build lifelong relationships with customers." The course is designed as an introduction to the Century 21 system and the business practices of real estate.

Glasgow and her husband, Todd, are lifelong residents of the Granite City area. They have three daughters, Jennifer, Whitney and Kendall.



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•Payroll

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Service for many of the village's problems.

At the previous board meeting, Whitsell said the village's general fund account — which pays for most of the day-to-day expenses — was low and they might not have enough money to make this week's payroll.

Falter had scheduled a meeting of the Finance Committee for Tuesday, but it was canceled because he could not obtain the necessary financial records.

Whitsell said the general fund balance as of Jan. 3 was \$9,181.51. The village's Friday payroll was estimated at \$11,077.68.

Presswood questioned why the bank

would not give financial information to Falter. Whitsell and Village Attorney Keith Jensen said that the bank normally would give such information only to those authorized to sign checks.

At this time the treasurer and mayor are authorized to sign checks. The board recently voted to have the village clerk also sign, but that has not been put into place.

Macek questioned the fund balances, saying that the village usually receives money deposited directly to the bank at the end of the month.

Whitsell said the bank had not notified the village of any such deposits, and Village Clerk Mary Rowden confirmed that they had no such notice.

The debate continued and escalated into several arguments. At one point Wilson

called for order, but arguments continued and he joined them.

During debate, Abel motioned to transfer money from the tourism to general fund account, but withdrew the motion and the board went into executive session to discuss personnel.

After a half-hour executive session, the board came back and Presswood motioned for allowing Falter access to the records, and also approving a transfer if necessary. The motion passed but Wilson said he would veto it.

Abel then motioned to transfer the funds.

On Thursday morning, Wilson said he had called the bank and money had been deposited late Wednesday. He also said the bank was going to send out a notice, but had not done so yet.

Pontoon Beach village attorney may resign

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Part of the fall-out of Wednesday's fiery special emergency meeting at Pontoon Beach may be the need for a new village attorney.

Mayor Glen Wilson said Thursday that Village Attorney Keith Jensen told the board he was resigning.

Wilson said Jensen made the announcement during an executive session at Wednesday's

special emergency board meeting.

At about 7:35 p.m. several board members were engaged in a heated argument when the board went into executive session to discuss personnel.

They returned at about 7:55 p.m., and Jensen left.

"Our attorney wants to resign again," Wilson said. "He made that statement last night."

Wilson said he was going to attempt to talk Jensen out of resigning. He added that Jensen has threatened to resign in the past.

Wilson originally appointed Jensen as village attorney in December 1994.

Jensen could not be reached for comment.

•Bill

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spreading off-site.

The city has already spent more than \$500,000 on the cleanup.

SGY has defined the contamination within the boundaries of the property and contamination has been discovered on adjacent property not owned by the city. But the extent of the off-site contamination has not been determined.

The head of an Alton environmental engineering firm told the aldermen last month that the first order of business of the cleanup project should have been a full assessment of all contamination — both on-site and off city property.

"Without doing that assessment up front, you're asking for failure. Without the assessment data, you're really just stumbling around in the dark," Bob Loudon of Value Environmental told the Engineering Committee. "The assessment phase is critical. There's no way around that."

Loudon said a full assessment would cost about \$100,000.

•Hearings

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"inconceivable" and that all aspects of the state law on the siting permit were "substantially complied with."

"I don't believe there should be a problem," he said.

Nighohossian said the city was playing a supporting role in the hearing. Most of its involvement has been to submit copies of the testimony and evidence from the siting hearing to the ICPB.

"The record will speak for itself," Nighohossian said.

At Tuesday's council meeting, Nighohossian said officials sent 16 boxes of transcripts to the ICPB clerk in Chicago at a cost of about \$100. That cost will eventually be paid by the developer.

If opponents are successful, developer Michael Vrtis has said it might set the project back several months, but they would simply reapply and correct any deficiencies.

If built, the plant would create about 40 jobs, and almost double the tax base of the city and Madison School District.

The suit was filed with the Illinois Pollution Control Board on Oct. 26 by Andria.

Also named as filing the suit are the Madison County Conservation Alliance; the Sierra Club; Nameoki Township Clerk Helen Hawkins; and Cloverleaf subdivision residents Shirley Crain, Glenda Fulkerson, John Gali, Thelma Orr, Ron Shaw and Pearl Stogdill.

The two main issues in the appeal are fundamental fairness and jurisdiction.

The jurisdictional questions revolve around two complaints — that residents of Cloverleaf, an unincorporated area, were improperly notified about the public hearing on the plant in late July, and that no complete application was on file for inspection at the Madison City Hall.

The fundamental fairness question deals with whether opponents were given a fair chance to present their case against the plant siting.

The suit claims that the failure to make the complete application available for public inspection "was fundamentally unfair to petitioners because not only could they not assess the application, they could not prepare cross-examination and rebuttal for the public hearing."

Andria could not be reached for comment.

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Art Voellinger

Off-court cuts slow down teams' growth

The late, late show of another Collinsville holiday basketball tournament led me to my annual Happy New Year's greeting for East St. Louis Lincoln coach Bennie Lewis and to another column of concern for a city known for its athletes as well as its financial problems.

This time, it's the fact that the four schools in the East St. Louis junior high school system have boys basketball programs in which the schools are limited to nine-game schedules.

"THEY'RE CUTTING back on everything," Lewis said in reference to school board measures that have left the junior high boys with limited schedules.

Beaten 66-42 by Triad in the first round of the Collinsville Classic, Lincoln was unable to shake the image of a young, inexperienced team, something that will not necessarily change.

"We're getting kids without much game experience," Lewis said while pointing to the programs at Landsdowne, Clark Hughes-Quinn Rock and Martin Luther King junior highs.

As the veteran of 23 years of coaching — including three state Class AA titles at Lincoln — spoke, his son Ricky stood nearby and supported dad's words.

SAID RICKY: "When I played, we had about 20 games a year in junior high. Now, these kids can get no more than 27 total for three years (seventh, eighth and ninth grades)."

A graduate of Lincoln and Kentucky State, Ricky serves as a Lincoln assistant coach and claims players coming into the program have to learn fundamentals.

"They don't know their right hand from their left," said Ricky, who has spent much time working with the nine sophomores on the Tigers' varsity roster.

BLESSED WITH TALENT from the likes of LaPhonso Ellis, Cuzno Martin and Vincent Jackson, when Lincoln ruled prep basketball, the Tigers now must hope for athletes like 6-foot-7 junior Kimon Green who, if compared with Lincoln players of the late 1980s, would be physically impressive but not necessarily as strong as his 50 percent free throw shooting.

Just as interesting as Lewis tries to mold a program that will be able to compete next season in the Southwestern Conference are his words that relate to a matter away from the financial cutbacks in the school.

"You just don't see as many kids playing ball on the playgrounds like you used to," Lewis said.

Again, I reconsidered the 24-point loss to Triad and nodded in agreement with the coach.

OVERTIME: Memorable moments of the 1995-96 basketball season will include the goo from shoes that cause game delays.

While a December game between the boys of Waterloo Gibault and Pinckneyville drew early attention to the problem of Converse shoes that had to be recalled, the leaky heels were not the only matter of concern.

"I don't care who manufactures the shoe, you cannot expect it to last when the sole has more than one section," said O'Fallon coach Norm Toenjes.

Triad coach Rich Mason agreed and noted: "I'm not so sure the single sole shoe that we used years ago didn't do the job as well."

Mason referred to the Chuck Taylor Converse All-Star shoe that dominated basketball until other companies moved into the market.

By Brian Bretsch Staff writer

It took a little more than 16 minutes of basketball for the Collinsville Kahoks to remove the rust that had settled on them.

CHS was a little shaky at times in the first half of its 73-48 Southwestern Conference victory over Granite City on Friday night at Memorial Gymnasium. The slow start concerned Kahoks coach Bob Bone. Collinsville improved to 9-3 overall and 1-2 in the SWC.

"I JUST THINK we started playing a lot harder in the second half," Bone said. "I thought we were very lackadaisical and flat in the first half. In the second half, we came out and played with more of a focus and we played a lot better."

"This was a tough week. We had Monday off. Then we had two more days off. Even though we got to practice, the kids just got out of their routine. They have been off for a couple of weeks. They are staying up late and sleeping late. They just need to have the same routine every day and they didn't have that this week. It showed. We just didn't have a very good ballgame, especially in the first half."

Collinsville 73, Granite City 48
COLLINSVILLE: 12 17 19 25-73
GRANITE CITY: 12 15 7 15-48
COLLINSVILLE: Andy McFall 17, Kevin Ashbrook 4, Melvin Cochran 5, Derek Dust 24, Craig Walter 16, Rocky Bonnell 3, FG 22 3FG 4 FT 15-18
GRANITE CITY: Steve Logan 9, Jay Simpson 7, Ray Smith 12, Dustin Brewer 6, Bobby Ellis 11, Carl Moore 4, Rob Turk 2, Tim Wallace 5, FG 9 3FG 3 FT 9-13

The Kahoks held a slim 13-12 lead after the opening quarter and increased the lead to five, 30-25 at halftime. Derek Dust hit a 4-foot jumper as the buzzer sounded to give CHS the five-point cushion.

GRANITE CITY coach John Van Buskirk liked what he saw from the Warriors (4-7, 0-3) in the first half. The Warriors did a good job of moving the ball around and were able to score on the Kahoks by using the back door pass quite a bit. Bobby Ellis scored 11 of his 12 points in the first half, and Ray Smith led the Warriors with 13 points.

"We made some shots in the first half and I thought we played pretty good defense in the first half," Van Buskirk said. "We didn't make any baskets early in the third quarter. We kind of caused ourselves that problem. Collinsville is a hard team to catch up to. You can't play from behind that many points. When they have the ball, they run the clock well. They are just a very good team."

"I still thought we had it in the second half, we just didn't make the shots. You have to play 32 minutes against Collinsville. They are on a roll. They just come off winning the Collinsville Tournament. They are playing good basketball right now. We talked about it at halftime. We just didn't come out and get the job done in the second half."

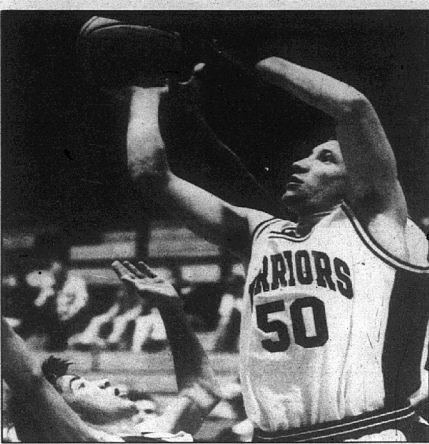
THE PROBLEM Van Buskirk was referring to was the Warriors' inability to sink some shots from 10 feet and closer.

The Warriors' offensive woes, coupled with a more feisty Kahoks' defense, enabled CHS to go on a 16-7 run in the third quarter.

All five of the Kahoks' starters contributed baskets in the period. Melvin Cochran had a big steal and easy layup that seemed to spell the end for the Warriors late in the quarter.

Andy McFall buried his third and fourth 3-point field goals in the opening minutes of the final quarter as the Kahoks began to pull away comfortably.

A BIG BLOW for the Warriors came with 5:39 remaining, when point guard Steve McFall buried his third and fourth 3-point field goals in the opening minutes of the final quarter as the Kahoks began to pull away comfortably.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESSE) Dustin Brewer back of Jacksonville's Justin Six with a shot during last week's Collinsville/Schnucks Holiday Classic.

Trojans outlast Red Devils 52-43

By Rob Raphael Staff writer

The Madison Trojans closed with a 14-4 run to defeat their archrivals the Venice Red Devils, 52-43 Friday night in front of a sold-out Madison High Gym.

The game was tied at 39 with 6:32 left to play, but the Trojans (6-5) picked their game up a notch when the Red Devils (4-7) could not.

"WE PLAYED A pretty good game for three and a half quarters," said Venice coach Clinton Harris.

"We had one call go against us, but mainly we turned the ball over four times in the last four minutes and they took advantage of each one. We only had 13 or 14 turnovers in the whole game, and five of them came in the last few minutes."

"We have to be more consistent. We didn't do a lot of the little things tonight that we need to do to win consistently," Madison coach Al Collins said.

"Coach Harris got 100 percent effort from his team tonight, they just hit a bad spell there in the last quarter. But we can't expect teams to do that for us."

WITH THE PACKED house at Madison roaring on every play, it would have been easy for both teams to get too hyped up. Collins said he

thought his team suffered from that aspect, but Harris couldn't agree.

"That's as full as that gym can get," Collins said. "I think our boys just got a little too worked up at times. When we thought things were getting out of control, we'd just call another time out."

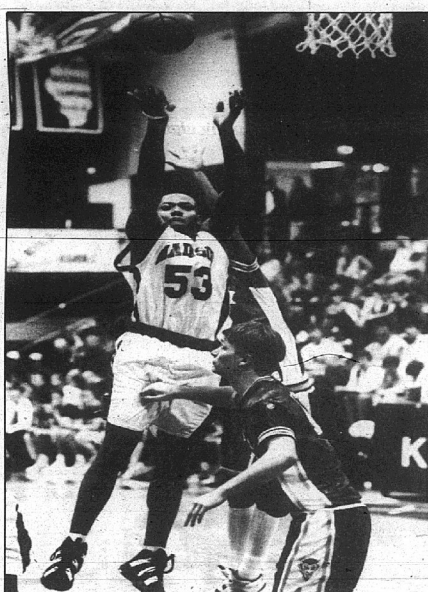
"I don't think we got too hyped up, I just think we weren't patient enough. I only had two guards to work with tonight, and we took too many quick shots."

LEADING THE CHARGE for Madison was Maurice Baker, who finished with 16 points and 11 rebounds. He also picked up four steals and dished out a pair of assists.

Kevin Bradley awoke to hit three big baskets down the stretch, and he finished with 10 points and eight rebounds. Jerind Howard added nine points and six rebounds, while Milan Jones had six assists.

Venice, which shot poorly in the second half, was led by James Butcher's 14 points. Keyin Roberts added 12 points and five assists, but he did not score from the field in the second half. Donald Harris led the Devils with eight rebounds.

The Trojans took a 13-11 lead into the second quarter and after a pair of steals and baskets by Baker made it 23-21. But the Devils fought back and grabbed a 28-27 halftime lead.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESSE) Madison junior Kevin Bradley fires a jumper.

GCHS girls top Oilers, snap skid

By Rob Raphael Staff writer

Denise McMillan continued her torrid scoring pace by pouring in 24 points as the visiting Lady Warriors defeated Wood River 58-51 in a nonconference battle Thursday night.

The Lady Warriors were coming off their appearance in the M-Ascoutah Tournament, in which they lost a pair of games.

Add to that three straight losses before the tournament to Southwestern Conference foes — and the Lady Warriors were riding a five-game losing streak entering the game with the winless Oilers.

EVEN WHEN GCHS was 5-2, coach Chuck Kraus knew his team was in for a tough stretch. He said after his team's previous last win against Alton that he feared the Lady Warriors might even lose five in a row.

But he said he knew he (See LADY WARRIORS, Page 2B)



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Warriors' Venne vying for return to state

By Rob Raphael Staff writer

Because of his long, red hair parted down the middle, John Venne occasionally hears the name "Carrot Top" from his friends and co-wrestlers, referring to the popular comedian with similar locks.

But for the wrestlers who go up against the Granite City senior 160-pounder, life is no laughing matter.

IN HIS FOURTH year of varsity wrestling at GCHS, Venne, a returning state qualifier, is one of the most experienced grapplers in the area. He has spent the last year training for what he hopes will be the icing on the cake: a state championship.

Going into Friday night's dual meet with Belleville



GCHS senior John Venne entered Friday's match with Belleville East 16-4 on the season.

East, Venne scored a 16-4 record. Because of the Warriors' thin lineup earlier this season, Venne was forced to move up to 171 and even 189

Granite City Holiday Tournament, when he lost twice to Belleville East's C.J. Fernandes, a state qualifier from a year ago.

The second time the two faced each other was in the tournament finals, and they entertained the crowd with a gutty display of wrestling. Fernandes won that battle 5-4, but Venne was looking forward to his match with Fernandes on Friday, plus any others that may come this year.

"WE'RE DEVELOPING quite a rivalry," said Venne, 17. "I'm sure we'll meet again in the regionals, and probably the sectionals, and maybe even at the state tournament. We've already wrestled each other four times since this summer. He's tough."

(See VENNE, Page 3B)

Grapplers outmatch East 48-15

By Rob Raphael Staff writer

The Granite City wrestling team took a big step in winning its sixth consecutive Southwestern Conference title Friday by defeating Belleville East 48-15 at the GCHS annex.

The only disappointment of the match was the lack of a John Venne-C.J. Fernandes rematch at 160 pounds. Fernandes dropped down to 152, and Venne wrestled at 171.

STILL, THERE was plenty of excitement. Bobby Chaussett (119), Kevin Feigenmaltz (130), Joe Scott (139) and Chris Janek (275) all pinned their opponents. Janek's was the quickest, at 14 seconds, but Scott's may have been the most thrilling.

Wrestling Jeremy Anthony, Scott was down 20 in the first period before coming back to take a 6-2 lead. Competing well above his normal weight class, (See GCHS, Page 3B)

Sports shorts

BAC baseball camp
Belleville Area College baseball coach Neil Fiala will host an indoor hitting camp featuring video tape analysis at BAC from 5:30-8 p.m. on Jan. 7-9 at BAC. The camp is for kids ages 7-17; the cost is \$60. To register, call 235-2700, extension 271.

Elks Hoop Shoot set
The Granite City Elks Lodge #1083 will hold its local competition for the 24th Annual Elks Hoop Shoot, the national free-throw shooting contest for youngsters age 8-13.

The competition will be held Jan. 20 at Grigsby Middle School on Carrell Road in Granite City. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., and the contest will begin at 9 a.m. Competition for both boys and girls will be held in three different age categories: ages 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13.

More than three million youngsters from throughout the country entered last year's competition. Each contestant has 25 shots at the basket. The boy and girl in each age group with the best scores advance through four tiers of competi-

tion to qualify for the national finals. For more information, call Jim Greenwald at 876-4315.

Tri-City meeting
Tri-City Speedway will hold its general membership and rules meeting for the 1996 racing season at 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Granite City. Drivers, owners and crew members can file membership forms and pick up current rules for the five racing classes that will compete on Tri-City's half and quarter-mile dirt speedways. The 1996 season will again feature the winged SKOAL Racing Sprint Cars, Budweiser Grand American Modifieds and Red Dog Pro Stocks on the half-mile with the Tri-City Street Stocks competing on the quarter-mile speedway. Rules for the new Champion Spark Plug Race Truck division, featuring intermediate-size pickup trucks that will compete on the quarter-mile speedway, will also be available.

Gateway Indoor Sports
Gateway Indoor Sports, 3676 Market St. in St. Louis, is

offering the following:
Slow-pitch softball: League sessions start the second and third week of January; call for cost and leagues available. A co-ed pajama tournament (Double E) will be held Jan. 12-13; the cost is \$140 and pajamas are required.
Little league baseball: Boys 10, 12 and 14 leagues are available. Leagues start Jan. 27 and run from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through April. The cost is \$720 per team for two hours and 10 minutes, including a 70-minute game, game balls, two umpires, a 30-minute field warm-up, 30 minutes of batting practice and batting cages and unlimited balls.
Indoor football league: Men's and co-ed Monday night leagues are forming; the cost is \$335 for eight weeks.
For more information, call (314) 533-5425.

International Sports Festival
The 1996 International Sports Festival, being held over the Fourth of July weekend, has expanded its sports to include baseball, basketball and volleyball teams from Belgium in each sport will be

participating.
The IAF is looking for teams of athletes that are 17-18 or 13-14 years old to help host these international athletes and to play in small baseball, basketball and volleyball tournaments in Belleville and Fairview Heights. Exhibition games and clinics will also be held during their stay from July 2-15, 1996.
The IAF is looking for four local teams in each age group in each sport and will be inviting teams from four other states. Baseball and volleyball will be held in Fairview Heights and basketball will be held in Belleville.
Any interested team or athlete should call Kevin Whitworth at (314) 645-5496.

Girls softball tournaments
The Kirkwood (Mo.) Athletic Association will have three ASA softball tournaments in 1996 for girls in the 6-U, 8-U, 10-U, 12-U, 14-U, 16-U and 18-U age groups. The tournaments all have three-game guarantees and will be held on the weekends of April 13-15, May 17-19 and July 19-21. For more information, call (314) 576-5551.

•Lady Warriors

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would get a good effort from his team each time out.
At 4-11, the Oilers could have rolled over for the Lady Warriors, but instead they took a 17-12 lead after one quarter.

But the Lady Warriors (6-7), who seem to be learning their roles more and more, came back to lead by one (30-28) at the half.

Kraus has said all year that McMillan will need help this season, and on Thursday Granite City got 12 points from Carrie Simpson, and big rebounding efforts from Christina Short and Tiffany Monroe.

Short grabbed 16 rebounds, while Monroe took down 15.

Granite City pulled away somewhat in the third quarter, outscoring Wood River 13-6 to take a 45-35 lead.

McMillan's 34 points brings her average to more than 27 per game, tops in the Metro East. Only Carlyle sensation Courtney Smith is above McMillan in the entire south-western Illinois region.

"If she's not the best player in the area, then I don't know who is," Kraus said recently. The Lady Warriors begin a stretch of six consecutive

Southwestern Conference games when they travel to Belleville West on Wednesday.

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Standings
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Red Division

Team	W-L-T	Pts	GF	GA
Webster Groves	12-0-2	26	76	23
Parkway South	12-0-1	25	64	24
Parkway Central	6-7-1	13	53	62
Parkway West	5-8-3	13	41	57
Kirkwood	5-8-1	11	39	65
Parkway North	1-13-1	3	37	66

Individual Scoring

Player, Team	G	A	Pts
John Gilbert, Webster Groves	20	22	44
Andy Croak, Parkway South	19	11	30
Scott Brandes, Webster Groves	18	12	30
Tom Pook, Parkway South	10	18	28

White Division

Team	W-L-T	Pts	GF	GA
DeSmet	11-1-2	24	71	21
CBC	11-2-1	23	76	23
Vianney	9-3-3	21	67	31
Chaminade	9-3-1	19	66	33
SLUH	6-8-0	12	49	50
MICDS	4-9-0	8	47	60

Individual Scoring

Player, Team	G	A	Pts
Jason Law, Haz. Central	15	17	32
Michael Silva, Oakville	12	10	22
Eric Ormon, Oakville	10	11	21

Blue Division

Red Division

Team	W-L-T	Pts	GF	GA
Oakville	8-5-1	17	77	54
Hazelwood Central	6-7-2	14	58	58
Fox	5-6-2	12	41	57
Marietta	5-6-3	7	29	80
Lafayette	1-11-2	4	32	74
Lauder	0-12-2	2	20	74

Individual Scoring

Player, Team	G	A	Pts
Jason Law, Haz. Central	15	17	32
Michael Silva, Oakville	12	10	22
Eric Ormon, Oakville	10	11	21

White Division

Team	W-L-T	Pts	GF	GA
Howell North	8-4-2	18	63	28
Francis Howell	7-3-3	17	54	25
FL Zumwalt South	3-9-2	8	37	95
FL Zumwalt North	2-8-4	8	32	49
St. Charles West	2-7-4	8	33	66
Lutheran South	0-14-0	0	17	120

Individual Scoring

Player, Team	G	A	Pts
John Bellerson, Howell North	18	12	30

White Division

Red Division

Team	W-L-T	Pts	GF	GA
Granite City	12-1-0	24	90	32
Hazelwood East	7-6-1	15	52	46
McCluer North	6-7-2	12	57	67
McCluer	5-6-2	12	47	62
Pattersonville	1-8-5	4	48	64
Hazelwood West	1-13-1	3	34	116

Individual Scoring

Player, Team	G	A	Pts
Brian Guntz, McCluer North	10	19	28
Mikal Outley, Granite City	10	10	26
Kevin Nenninger, Granite City	15	8	23
Aaron Reeves, Granite City	9	14	22
Jason Cooper, Haz. East	13	9	22

Blue Division

Team	W-L-T	Pts	GF	GA
Rockwood Summit	11-4-0	22	82	34
St. Mary's	10-3-1	21	69	28
Whitfield	10-4-1	21	64	43
Marquette	9-3-0	18	80	35
Lincoln	6-3-4	16	54	53
John Burroughs	6-4-2	14	60	38
Clayton	6-4-2	14	49	38

Individual Scoring

Player, Team	G	A	Pts
Preston Amos, Whitfield	20	19	36

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•Venne

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In their last match, Venne looked to be the superior wrestler on his feet, and he said that's something he's been working on this year.

"I'm bigger than most of the guys in the 160 class," Venne said. "So what I need to work on the most is wrestling on my feet. As long as I keep working hard, and lifting weights to get stronger, I have a chance to

get to the state tournament and win it.

"Placing at state is great, but I want to win it. Last year, we watched T.J. Slay win it all, and that was just the greatest. When I saw that, I knew I wanted to do that this year."

In what has been a turbulent year for the Warriors, Venne has been a constant coach Mike Garland can count on.

"He's provided solid leadership, which is something that we've desperately needed this year," Garland said. "He's leading by example with his hard work. He's wrestled 100 varsity matches now, and he's never been a problem. That's pretty rare these days."

"We've had some problems this year, but everything's squared away now," Venne said. "We've gotten together, and figured out our problems, and everything's been taken care of. We're going forward now."

Going forward for the Warriors means working hard over the next month and making their mark in both the individual and team state tournaments. Although the individual state tournament was a success for the Warriors in 1995, they were denied a chance to wrestle for the team title because of a controversial ruling by the IHSAA.

"Last year was a big disappointment, especially for the seniors, who didn't get another chance. But we'll get that chance, and hopefully we can make the best of it," Venne said.

"I'm not sure if we're the best team in the state right now, but we're close. We're hoping for a big finish. The Geneseo Tournament will be a big test for us, both individually and as a team."

Venne, the son of Jeanne and Tim Venne of Granite City, also is thinking about wrestling at the next level. He said he's already received letters, and phone calls from several schools, but will wait until after the season to assess his options.

"He definitely has a future at the next level," Garland said. "He's a complete wrestler and hopefully he'll medal at state. That should help him down the road."

"The next month or two is the most important time for me and our team," Venne said. "We'll find out a lot in that time."

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Granite City junior forward Ray Smith drives in for a shot.

•Warriors

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Logan fouled out.

Dust led the Kahoks in scoring with 24 points. McFall popped in 17 points and Walter, coming off his MVP performance at the Collinsville-Schuicks Holiday Classic, dumped in 16 points.

"We have bunch of guys who can score," Bone said. "It is just a matter of finding the opening. We didn't do a very good job of getting the ball inside in the first half. We did a better job in the second

half."

Dust was having an off shooting night in the first half when the hecklers starting jeering him. The added attention seemed to make Dust a more focused shooter. He started driving the lane with much more authority and scored 15 of his game-high 24 points in the second half.

"I don't know what got him going," Bone said. "He did play much better in the second half. He just got himself going. I don't know if that had anything to do with it or not."

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